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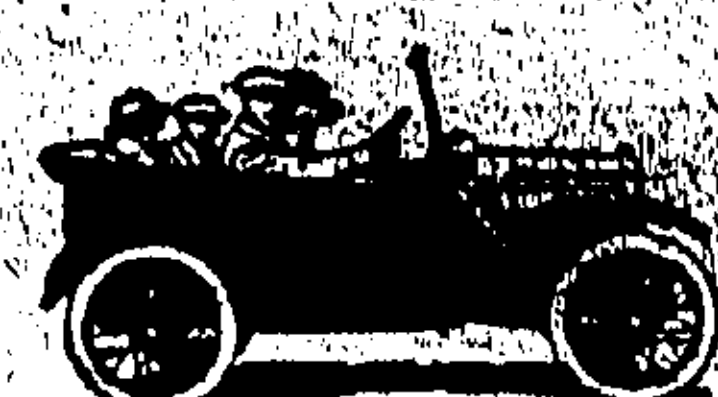
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VISITORS' FLIGHT.

All Dressed Up and No Place to Stay.

Yesterday a "China Mail" reporter set out to find a room in Hongkong. He did not really want a room, which was just as well, as investigations show.

"Abandon hope all ye who enter here"—abandon hope of finding accommodation. Such is the warning that might well be posted up on all our wharves, along with the police notices about opium and firearms. For yesterday a "China Mail" reporter found that the Colony is literally crowded to the uttermost.

Nevertheless the cloud was not without its silver lining. At the Repulse Bay Hotel, sixty rooms are in course of being erected and the management expect these to be ready for occupation by August of this year so as to cope with next season's tourist traffic.

Calling first at the Hongkong Hotel, the reporter asked if in the event of his wanting a room, could one be allotted to him.

"Shall we try?" courteously suggested the member of the staff approached. He did forthwith bring three lists—one of reservations for the s.s. "Eastern" due from Australia and Manila yesterday afternoon, a second of rooms which would be vacated this morning and the third a list of reservations for the "President Lincoln."

During a most interesting chat about the problem of finding accommodation in Hongkong, the Hotel management mentioned that it was not due to lack of local enterprise that conditions had reached their present stage. It was recognised that Hongkong had to maintain its prestige—or rather, its reputation—for hospitality. No stone would be left unturned to prevent Hongkong getting a bad name among people passing through. Travellers could rest assured that if sufficient notice was given they had a good chance of securing accommodation. Far from adopting a nonchalant attitude, the Hotels were doing all they could. But, of course, there would be instances of individuals being turned away on presenting themselves at an hotel office.

To the present unrest in China and the resulting stagnation in trade, conditions could be partly attributed. There were in the Hongkong Hotel yesterday, approximately a dozen piecegoods travellers who would probably stay till after China New Year in the hope of picking up some orders. The hotel official mentioned that one piecegoods traveller had stayed six weeks without opening his samples.

Then, again, the number of permanent residents at the Hongkong Hotel had increased from twenty-two last year to sixty. If these people could not get accommodation elsewhere, the Hotel had to put them up, and it was mainly to cater for residents that the sixty additional rooms at Repulse Bay were being built. It was the company's object to induce residents to stay at the Repulse Bay Hotel and to maintain the Hongkong Hotel, generally, for transitory business.

Since December last, the Hongkong Hotel has been full to capacity. This season, the number of people passing through is fewer than last season—due no doubt to unsettlement in China—but in the next few months, shiploads of tourists will be coming.

On January 31, the "Belgenland" is due, to be followed by the "California" on March 12 and the "Empress of France" on March 21. If any of the ships have to go into dry dock, the majority of their passengers will want to stay on shore and then the Colony's accommodation will be taxed to the utmost. Still, the Hotel has already tried the expedient of temporarily converting a dining-room into a dormitory for men—an experiment first tried at the Astor House, Shanghai, a year or two ago. The Hotel does not want strangers to go home and say that it is no use visiting Hongkong during the cold months as there is no room. Should the Hotel be pressed again the dormitory might be requisitioned once more.

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"QUIET."

TO-DAY'S LOCAL SHARE
SETTLEMENT.

EVERY ONE PLEASED.

RIVAL BROKERS BECOME MORE
AFFECTIONATE.

Owing doubtless to the forthcoming holidays and the absence of sensations, brokers permitted their riches to "stand easy" this morning, and made their rounds in a leisurely manner.

This month's share settlement has been comparatively small. Two reasons—the fixing of a day earlier than its usual and the approach of China New Year—have contributed to this.

As on other settlement days, the Ice House Street stairways were armed with cheques, transfer deeds, and share scrip which they dispensed as they met those with whom they had had deals. Everybody was cheerful enough.

EMPIRE'S SHOP WINDOW.

HONGKONG AND THE EXHIBITION.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

Colony's Pavilion to Reopen on New Lines.

If certain small concessions can be secured from the Home Government and the workers informed in time, the Hongkong Government has decided that the Colony shall be represented again at the British Empire Exhibition this year.

"The exhibition can do little good to us in the way of trade advertisement," said the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Hongkong Commissioner to the Exhibition, in an interview given this morning to local newspaper representatives, "but we are asked to assist in the general effect for the exhibition to continue as a British Empire Exhibition."

It transpired in the course of the interview that participation, if take paid men and conduct busi-

ness on direct Government account. On Imperial grounds the combined committee representing the General and Chinese Chambers of Commerce has recommended the Hongkong Government to grant \$200,000 for working expenses and \$100,000 for the financing of stock which would be recoverable by sales, any profit being available to reduce the working expenses.

"We are now waiting simply for the answer from Home to this question of the elasticity of small regulations," said Mr. Hallifax, chatting with Press representatives this morning. "We must have an answer before the end of the month or it will be too late to participate at all. As it is we shall have difficulty in collecting and arranging the personnel."

"The Exhibition has been taken not altogether as an advertisement between separate parts of the Empire," said Mr. Hallifax, "but as an advertisement of the Empire as a whole to the world and it was considered that any gaps among the pavilions as they were last year would seriously detract from the general effect."

Asked by the "China Mail" representative if he thought that the difficulties still to be overcome in regard to Hongkong's participation were easily to be overcome, Mr. Hallifax said that he would not like to prophesy definitely, but the chances were in favour of the participation.

"If we go, the idea will be to extend the process workers' side of the pavilion," added Mr. Hallifax.

"With a similar reduction in the selling side?"

"That follows rather."

Speaking generally of the beneficial effects of the Exhibition, Mr. Hallifax said that one of the most satisfactory things had been what some of the Dominion Commissioners had called "the overcoming of the prejudice against Dominion products."

"Which would effect the bigger men rather than traders here?" Mr. Hallifax.

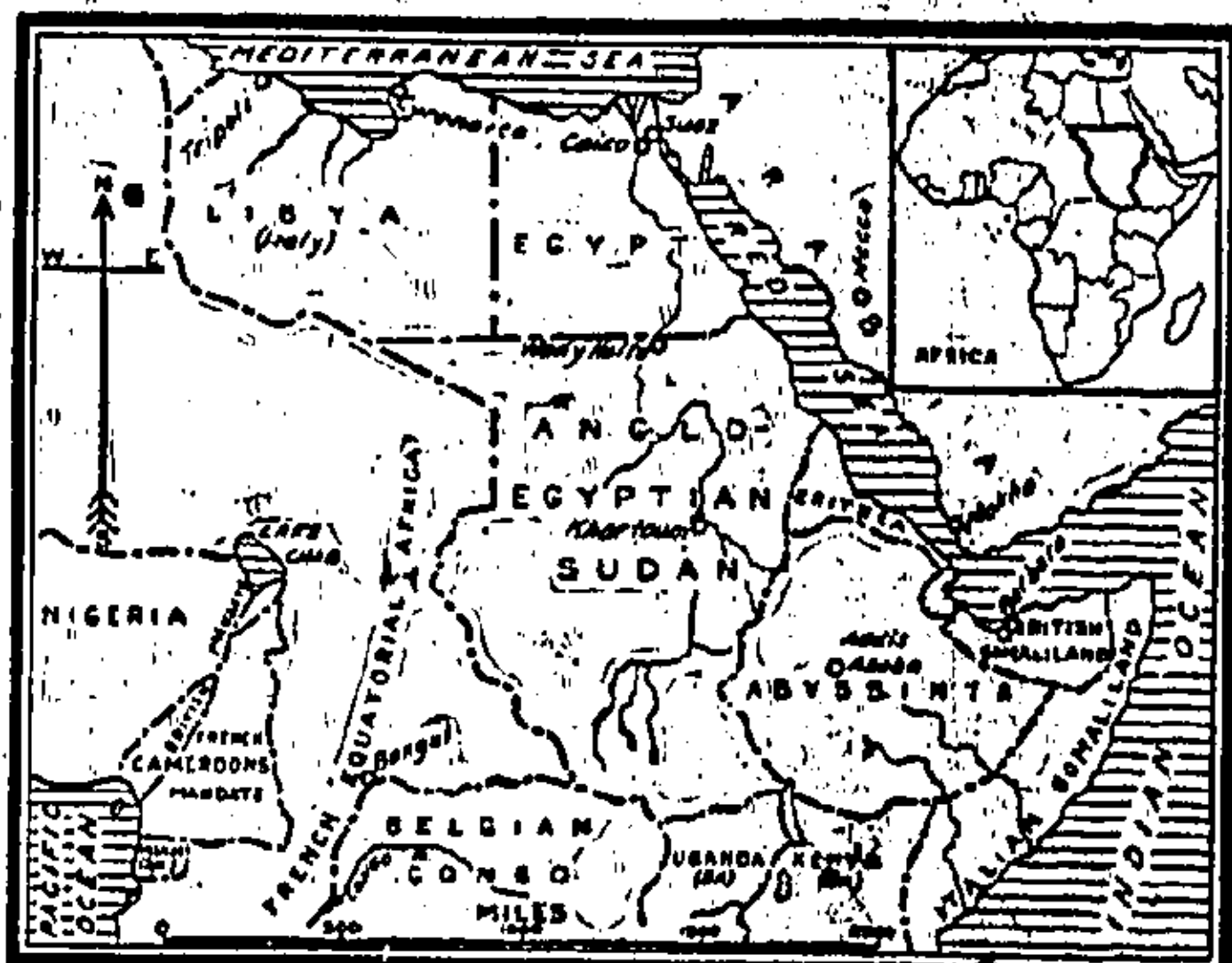
"Yes, we are not producers really."

Continuing, Mr. Hallifax said that if there was peace in China Hongkong would have as much trade as she could manage in the ordinary way; it was not an Empire producing centre. The Colony would in all probability be represented again, however, and the figures of last year's working showed that the guarantee would not be called upon. The cost was likely to fall within the estimate of \$550,000. The total turnover of the exhibitors had reached something like \$48,000.

Referring to the restaurant, Mr. Hallifax said that they had suffered a great deal of harm from the attitude of the Press in taking it as largely in the nature of a joke and laying emphasis on the £4 a head meal. This, said Mr. Hallifax, was what he might fairly term an "all-star" meal, each course coming from a separate province and consisting of the best from each. It was possible to get quite a cheap meal at the restaurant and many people took their meals there frequently if not regularly. The "chow mein" dish (consisting of fried rice, potatoes and egg) had proved very popular and it had been possible to sell it at something like 1/6d. or 2/6d. a dish.

traders. The Government will furl associations. If this is done, I am prepared to agree to your Conference and its rules, subject, however, to all resolutions on military and financial problems being reserved for final decision by the People's Assembly, which will follow. The people are masters of the country and the Government are their servants. Tiao Kun and Wu Pei-fu sought to oppress the people. We are trying to start anew. Let us give back to the people their right position of masters."

FLYING MISSION STARTS FOR DARKEST AFRICA.



According to Paris cables, Captain D'Oisy, who visited Hongkong after his brilliant flight from Paris to Tokyo, is a member of the French military mission which is flying to Lake Chad in French Equatorial Africa, shown in the map above.



were always likely to be filled in a day or two.

A suggestion put forward by the Astor House was that if gentlemen travelling together on steamers would get together and form a "passengers' union" for the stay at Hongkong, it would be to everybody's advantage. The Hotel could not very well put up a temporary dormitory for one man but if, say, a party of men from one incoming ship called together, the Astor House would certainly convert one of the public rooms for them.

It was the same story at the King Edward Hotel where the counter clerk could only reply, "I am sorry, sir. We had a room this morning but it has been snapped up."

Warfare in the adjoining provinces, from time to time, has always resulted in an exodus to Hongkong. It is not every refugee who can put up with relatives or friends and a good many have perforce to live in the Chinese boarding houses and hotels. These have been full for the last three years or so and are still reaping their harvest. Recent additions to the number of establishments bear ample testimony to the demand for accommodation.

DRAMATIC ARRESTS.

STORY OF PLOT TO BLOW
UP WARSHIPS.

SUPPOSED IRISH REBELS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 19. The arrests of five men and one woman alleged to be members of an Irish Republican organisation concerned in a plot to blow up warships, had a sequel at Bow Street to-day, when the two men were remanded for a week.

BLOW TO OPIUM. BRITAIN'S STRIKING OFFER. CHINA MUST LEAD.

HONGKONG AND GENEVA
CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, January 19. The second opium conference opened with a long speech by Lord Robert Cecil in which he expressed the strong views of the British Government in favour of practical conclusions. Lord Robert Cecil declared that Britain desired to end opium-smoking and emphasised that the derivatives of opium were the most serious aspect of the problem. The conference would be a failure if it failed to deal with this aspect. Lord Robert Cecil stated that opium-eating in India was purely a domestic question and not a matter for international interference. The control of opium in India was effective and Indian opium was not used for the manufacture of harmful drugs. Lord Robert Cecil paid a tribute to the past efforts of China to restrict cultivation of the poppy, as also had British colonial administrators.

Lord Robert Cecil offered that the British Government would undertake to abolish opium-smoking in British Far Eastern territories in which smoking was temporarily authorised within a period of not more than fifteen years from the date on which effective measures by China to suppress cultivation had reached a stage where there was no danger of smuggling from China into those territories.

Lord Robert Cecil proposed that this stage should be decided by a League commission whose decision should be final. The speech was warmly applauded.

M. D'Aladier (France) endorsed Lord Robert Cecil's remarks. The upshot of the debate was favourable to the American suggestions. [Hongkong is of course included in Lord Robert Cecil's offer as one of Britain's Far Eastern possessions.]

[An earlier cable stated: "When the Provincial forces resume their rightful place at the support of the Civil Power, the cultivation of the poppy will again be made to cease," declares Mr. A. H. Harris in a letter to the "Times," pleading the difficulties in connection with China's opium problem. He adds that in the meantime it depends on China's foreign friends to press her claims for sympathetic treatment and assistance.]

FREE AS EVER.

AMERICA NOT TOUCHING
EUROPE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 19. Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, has issued a statement that the agreement reached by the Paris conference imposes no obligations, legally or morally, on the United States, which have remained as free as ever from commitment in European matters.

Officials of White House declare that Mr. Hughes's statement is fully approved by President Coolidge.

Mr. Hughes points out that the Paris Conference was not the body, agency, or commission provided for either by the German-American Treaty of the Treaty of Versailles, and American participation does not violate the Senate's reservation to the Treaty of Berlin.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson also made a statement that whilst Americans should be glad to have Mr. Hughes's interpretation they ought not to overlook the significance attached to the agreement by European statesmen. [Senator Hiram Warren Johnson, who began life as a shorthand reporter and then became a lawyer, was a member of the staff of prosecuting attorneys in the boodling cases, involving the leading city officials and almost all the public utility corporations in San Francisco in 1906-7. He was selected to take the place of Francis J. Heney, after the latter was shot down in court whilst prosecuting Abe Ruef for bribery. He was Governor of California from 1911 to 1917; a founder of the Progressive Party, 1912; nominee for the Vice-Presidency of United States, 1912; and was a candidate for the Presidency last year.]

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

THREAT TO OVERSEAS
SHIPS.

AUSTRALIA'S TRIBULATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

MELBOURNE, Jan. 19. The seamen have refused to serve on overseas ships except under Australian rates and conditions. This appears to be the first step to involve overseas vessels in the shipping trouble.

EMPTY NORTH. AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST PROBLEM.

NEW STATE PLAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

BRISBANE, January 19. In a speech after turning the first sod of the new Kyogle-South Brisbane railway, the first phase of a scheme to unify the railway gauges of Australia which is estimated to cost £21,000,000, Mr. Theodore, the Premier of Queensland, suggested that the Commonwealth Government create a new State comprising the northern portion of the Northern Territory and the North-West district of Western Australia. A provisional Government should be appointed for five years and the Federal Government should grant a loan of £20,000,000 for development purposes.

Mr. Theodore expressed the opinion that this was the surest means of settling North Australia and safeguarding the White Australia Policy. He stated that if some Power which is to-day friendly should raise the question whether Australia is developing North Australia properly and is entitled to maintain exclusive possession of this territory, the question might have to be settled under the terms of the protocol recently adopted by the League of Nations, whose decision might be against Australia.

GERMANY'S FUTURE.

PEACEFUL FOREIGN
POLICY.

NEW CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, January 19. The Reichstag was crowded when Herr Luther outlined the new Government's policy. He promised a peaceful foreign policy based on the main points of the London agreement which he said would be loyally carried out. He deplored the non-evacuation of Cologne, regarding which he insisted the Allies must supply documentary evidence of Germany's alleged infractions of the treaty in order that the German Government might be enabled to reply. As regards Germany's position towards the League, the Chancellor drew attention to the late Government's memorandum to the Council and declared the Government would continue its efforts to relieve the country from the reproaches of war guilt. He emphasised the intention of increasing exports and opposing any effort to restrict Germany's commercial freedom and concluded by sketching the domestic policy, notably regarding unemployment, housing, and taxation reform.

The speech was quietly received except for a few Communist interruptions.

GUN ELEVATION.

DEBATE IN THE AMERICAN
SENATE.

PROPOSAL SHELVED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 19. The Senate resumed the debate on raising the elevation of guns. The Democrat, Senator Kellar, demanded that a vote be taken on his proposal to appropriate \$6,500,000 to meet the cost of gun elevation.

Senator Hall, Chairman of the Naval Committee, mentioned the unwisdom of taking affirmative action while the protest of a foreign Government was pending. The Senate voted by 45 votes to 22 (a majority of 23) not to consider the proposal.

KHALIFAT CONGRESS.

Cairo, January 19.

It is authoritatively stated that the Council, composed of a number of Grand Ulama, under the presidency of Sheikh Ul Islam and the rector of the Al-Azhar Mosque, have decided to adjourn for a year the proposed general Moslem Khalifat Congress at Cairo in March next.

The reasons given are:—(1) Certain interested Moslem countries have suggested that the Council despatch envoys to explain the exact objects of the Congress.

(2) The Hedjaz, which must be represented as well as other Arab countries, is at present in a state of war, the end of which is not yet in sight.

(3) Egypt, which initiated the meeting and organisation of the Congress, is at present absorbed in parliamentary elections.

(Reuter.)

OUR SEAMEN. APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC OF HONGKONG.

AN EXCELLENT WORK.

The good work of the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong formed the topic of an interesting "talk"—it could hardly be called a sermon, although it was based on a text—in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday morning by the Rev. Norman A. Peel, Assistant Chaplain.

The text was St. Mark I, 16-17:—"And passing along by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said unto them: 'Come ye after me; and I will make you to become fishers of men.' And straightway they left the nets, and followed Him."

The speaker dwelt at the outset on their responsibility as Christians and as a nation toward the seamen. There were, he said, no fewer than 116 ports occupied by the Missions to Seamen, and allusion was made to the work in Great Britain and throughout the world. In the Port of London, the docks and barges, and launches, were visited. On the training ships services were held; social gatherings were arranged; and cards of introduction were given to the seamen to other branches. From the cadet ship "Worcester," and the training ships "Arcturion," "Warspite," and "Cornwall," on which the work of the Missions to Seamen was carried on regularly, they must look for the captains and officers of the future—hence the great importance of the work. Greenwich Hospital also came within the scope of the Missions, and there were a well-appointed church and library, whilst bedside Communion was administered to the patients.

Allusion was next made by the Rev. N. A. Peel to the great work of the merchant service during the Great War, and the sacrifices made by the seamen in the cause of Empire. "When the seamen got their letters—often through the agency of the Missions to Seamen—and went on leave, the Missions gave him a home; on an average officers got two Sundays off in a year."

Coming to the work done in Hongkong—one of the largest ports in the world—Mr. Peel detailed the religious services held on Sundays and the visits paid to the seamen and other craft by the harbour launch "Dayspring." The social side was not neglected, whilst they arranged tennis and swimming parties—the latter on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer. The Government Civil and French Hospitals were visited regularly, and much good was done to the seamen patients. He expressed the warmest thanks, on behalf of the seamen and the Missions here, to all the helpers in the work in this Colony. He appealed, however, for supplies of literature and also of money, no less a sum than \$14,000 being required for the upkeep of the Missions here. He pointed out that the collection that morning was not for the Missions to Seamen; but, if any were willing to help, he asked them to send their donations to himself as Chaplain or to the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. T. G. Weall, of Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Ltd.). By their prayers and their offerings they could help.

"God gives us strength for each New Year,
Rise in His strength to-day;
There are loads to lift and hearts to cheer,
And friendly words to say;
And God gives to you this work to do,
As you pass upon your way."

To think the best of all you meet,
To do the best you can,
Is to make soft paths for weary feet.
Is to carry out God's plan,
And your measure of love to God above.
Is shown in your love for man."

Reference was made by Mr. Peel to the good cause of the Mission to Seamen by London "Punch," which, in appealing for help on December 3, 1924, said:—"The blue flag of the Missions to Seamen flies over their ships and their Institutes in a hundred-and-twenty of the ports of the world. Their fine work, carried on by over three hundred chaplains and laymen, is to care for the bodies and souls of our Merchant Sailors. 'Poor old Merchant Jack,' wrote Clark Russell, 'you do all the real, bitter, savage work of the deep; but you get no honour, no applause, no reward, England pays no heed.' This national reproach had already been wiped out long before the gallantry and self-sacrifice of the Merchant Service in the War had made an irresistible claim upon our gratitude. But this debt remains, and Mr.

MEDICAL VISITORS. CONFERENCE DELEGATES ARRIVE THIS MORNING.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONY.

The "President Lincoln" arrived in the harbour this morning with the medical practitioners and medical missionaries who have made the journey from the North to participate in the Joint Conference of the China Medical Missionary Association and the Hongkong and China branch of the British Medical Association. This will be formally opened to-day, although the session does not commence until to-morrow.

A few of the lady doctors decided at the last moment not to leave the sphere of operations in which they are now engaged; but well over a hundred delegates have already arrived, and a few more are still expected.

Among those to arrive this morning was a delegation of eight members of the Peking Union Medical College of the Rockefeller Foundation. One of these, Dr. C. E. Lim, who was one of the first medical graduates of Hongkong University, brought a showcase of specimens of the biological products from the Central Epidemic Bureau of Peking, which is established for the preparation of vaccines and sera. This showcase will be exhibited and is to be presented to the University.

At 5 p.m. to-day His Excellency the Governor, will formally open the Conference by conferring honorary degrees at a special University congregation. After the ceremony an address of welcome will be delivered by Dr. G. E. Aubrey, president of the Hongkong and China branch of the B.M.A. and Dr. John Kirk, president of the C.M.M.A., will reply. Honorary degrees of Doctor of Law of the University are to be conferred on Dr. H. P. Houghton, of the Peking Union Medical College, Dr. Muir, head of the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, Dr. P. B. Constand, of Shanghai, and Dr. E. H. Hume of Tsinanfu.

The conference will not be without its popular interest. A list of popular lectures and demonstrations have been arranged. The first of these will be given on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. in the St. John's Cathedral Hall, "Manson" by Dr. Lim Boon-keng of Amoy. On Thursday evening at 9 o'clock Dr. H. S. Houghton will give an address at the University, the subject of which has yet to be chosen. On Friday between 4.30 and 5.30 there will be public health exhibits and other demonstrations of general interest at the University and on the following Monday Dr. Davidson Black will speak on Prehistoric Anthropology at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. On Tuesday Dr. J. L. Maxwell of Shanghai lectures at the City Hall on Medical Missions at 9.15 p.m. and this should prove very enlightening.

In addition to the exhibits there is also a trade exhibit that will attract the layman. Many well-known firms are exhibiting manufactured goods in stands arranged in the Great Hall of the University. Among these firms are Messrs. Kodak, Eli Lilly, Allen and Hanbury, Burroughes and Wellcome, and Messrs. Harry Wicking and Messrs. Parke, Davis and Co., Nestles and Horlicks. Messrs. A. S. Watson are making a special display of baby foods and the Mission Book Company of Shanghai a comprehensive display of books. The Victor X-Ray Company are giving demonstrations so that visitors may see the great advances that have been made in X-Ray work.

Punch is confident that the country needs only to be told in what way it may best be paid. And he knows of no better way than to send help to this cause that stands in pressing need of it. The advice of "Mr. Punch," said Mr. Peel, might well be applied to the work in Hongkong. He concluded his appeal by quoting the following words of a writer as an inspiration to all who were working for God:—

"For me to have made one soul the better for my birth,
To have added but one flower to the garden of earth,
To have sown in the souls of men one thought that will not die,
To have been a link in the chain of life,
Shall be immortality."

[It may be added that a piano was recently purchased for the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, for the purchase of which all but \$25 was given by the men of the merchant service. Donations for this general work of the Mission here, in response to the Rev. Norman A. Peel's call for practical help, will gladly be acknowledged in the "China Mail."]

A LOCAL WEDDING. PRESS PRESIDENT AT ALTAR.

About 3.30 p.m. yesterday, the wedding took place at the Rhenish Mission Church, Bonham Road, of Miss Sun Tung-shan and Mr. Chan Chow-lam, President of the "China News," a local Chinese paper. The bride was charmingly dressed in pink satin with a lace veil worn coronet fashion. The maid of honour was the relative of the bride, and the bridegroom was attended by Mr. Chui Yau-ping, of Messrs. Basto & Co., as best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Pearce. After the ceremony the guests were invited to dinner at To To Sin, the well-known Chinese restaurant in Des Voeux Road Central.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 20.—Coronet Theatre: "My American Wife."

January 20.—Star Theatre: "The Fighting Fury."

January 20.—Queen's Theatre: "Woman's Place"; also The Manila Vaudeville Co.

January 20.—World Theatre: Double feature programme.

January 21.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," at 4.30 and 9 p.m.

January 22.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m.

January 24.—Theatrical Enterprises present Madeline Rossiter in "Flares and Flashes," at Theatre Royal, 9.30 p.m.

January 26.—Theatre Royal: "Flashlights," 9.30 p.m.

January 27.—Theatre Royal: "Pierrot Pie," 9.30 p.m.

January 28.—Theatre Royal: "Strollerland," 9.30 p.m.

January 30.—Theatre Royal: "Hors d'Oeuvres," 9.30 p.m.

January 30.—Theatre Royal: "Mixed Grill," 9.30 p.m.

SOCCER.

January 22.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.

January 23.—Burris Anniversary Dinner under the auspices of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong Hotel.

January 23.—Fancy Dress Ball in the Grill Room, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m. to midnight.

January 24.—Interport Football games, Hongkong v. Shanghai, at Club Ground, kick-off 8.45 p.m. sharp.

January 31.—Hongkong Boxing Association tournament in City Hall.

February 16-17-18-21.—Hongkong Jockey Club Annual Race Meetings.

LAND SALE.

January 27.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown Land at North East of Diamond Hill, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

January 30.—Twentieth meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 2.—Twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Star Ferry Co., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's, at noon.

February 19.—One hundred and fifth meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., at 4A Des Voeux Road, noon.

February 10.—Thirty-seventh meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 20.—Joint conference of China Medical Missionary Association and the H.K. and China Branch of British Medical Association opens at City Hall, 5 p.m.

January 21.—"The Nature of Memory" is the subject of the H.K. Theosophical Society's lecture at 16, Queen's Road, Central, at 5.45 p.m.

January 21.—Lecture on Sir Patrick Manson, by Dr. Lim Boon-keng, LL.D. in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 22.—Extraordinary general meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, H.K. Club annex, 5.30 p.m.

January 22.—Address by Dr. H. S. Houghton at University, 9 p.m.

January 23.—Public Health exhibits and other demonstrations of general interest at University, between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m.

January 26.—Dr. Davidson Black's lecture on Prehistoric Anthropology at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

In a report made to the police by Mr. Richards, living at the King Edward Hotel, he states that on opening one out of two boxes received from Shanghai he found 18 silk dresses missing. The value of the missing goods is given as \$450.

A Chinese, living at No. 8, Hillier Street, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of opium poisoning. It is reported that the drug had been self-administered.

A workman at the Metropolitan Docks had his hand caught in a drilling machine while at work yesterday. The man was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

A fatal accident occurred at Connaught Road West, near the Sai Kung wharf, yesterday, when a P. W. D. coolie was knocked down by a motor lorry belonging to the same department. The man was picked up and taken to the Government Civil Hospital in the lorry, but died on the way.

Mr. Ho Fook has presented a handsome silver challenge cup to be competed for annually by the members of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Arrangements are being made for holding the first annual competition.

A chow dog was taken for observation to Kennedy Town following an attack on Lance-Sergeant Flaherty, of the Hongkong Police. The owner of the dog is stated to be Mr. W. H. Edley, chief wharfinger of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

For stowing away on board the s.s. "West Jester" from Manila, two Filipinos were each given three weeks' hard labour by the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday.

An armed robbery is reported from Wongtiansan village in the Autau district. The report states that at 1 o'clock yesterday morning three men clambered through the roof of a dwelling. Two of the men were armed with axes and the third carried a revolver. After intimidating the inmates, the robbers cleared with money and property amounting to \$233.

An accident occurred on Saturday morning near the Haiphong Road corner of Nathan Road when a motor cycle driven by Sub-Inspector Bloor collided with a truck. Both he and Sub-Inspector Hutchins in the side car were thrown to the ground. Sub-Inspector Bloor escaped unhurt, but Sub-Inspector Hutchins was slightly injured and is now having rest at the hospital. The accident was due to the truck turning round without any warning signal just at the time the motor cycle was overtaking it.

Merchants returning from Canton during the week-end report "All Well" in the City of Rams. People up there have heard of a certain schedule by which General Chan Kwong-ming was to have advanced from his retirement on the East River and to have established himself at Canton, but nobody is taking heed. End of the year trade is bad; but otherwise, conditions are no worse than they have been for some time.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's men are reported by the vernacular press to have notified Peking residents that their chief requires \$500,000 to tide over the Chinese New Year.

A returned banished, who was arrested at a football match at Happy Valley, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

From the Standard Oil Co., we have received a number of Chinese calendars depicting a scene of the union of the six minor kingdoms in ancient Chinese history, many centuries B.C.

We acknowledge receipt of Chinese calendars from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., agents for Cadbury Bros., Ltd. and J. S. Fry & Sons, Ltd. in which are scenes of China's young womanhood.

The last train to leave Shiu-kwan Station on Monday, last week, on its journey south was held up by bandits who boarded at Yenchun station. All the passengers were searched and then taken captive. Twenty of those who were said to have "soft hands" were detained, while the others were set at liberty.

At the French Consulate, Shamen, on Saturday, an election of members of the Municipal Council for the French Concession of Shamen took place. M. Laffond, of Madier Freres, was re-elected a French member, and Mr. H. S. Kavarana was re-elected as a foreign member of the Council. Mr. Kavarana has been a member of the French Municipal Council for over 22 years. The French Consul, M. de la Prade, eulogized Mr. Kavarana's long services and expressed gratification at his re-election.

A Chinese charged with being the author of threatening letters changed his plea of not guilty in the middle of the hearing of the case against him at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, asking Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz to deal mercifully with him. The letters concerned had been sent to the master of a ship asking for an appointment with the writer on pain of being dealt with with guns and put to death. His Lordship told the man that he was liable to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour. He would, however, sentence him to five years.

Derelict soldiers are giving the inhabitants of the native city of Shanghai and Chapei cause to dislike the army very much indeed. A number of them who "broke barracks" on Wednesday and wandered about the city in the rain, stopped pedestrians and appropriated their umbrellas, shoes and goloshes, leaving many respectable persons to walk on bare-footed. Some of the incidents were witnessed by armed policemen, but these worthies seemed to think discretion the better part of constabulary duty to be done, and so did not interfere. Pawn-brokers were particularly unhappy when soldiers appeared with non-descript articles and demanded, and obtained in many instances, the very high fees. Naturally, "Uncle" has gone on strike, and shutters are now up.

One case of diphtheria (Chinese) was reported yesterday. The twentieth annual general meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., is advertised for Friday, January 30, at 11 a.m.

"The Nature of Memory" will be the subject of this week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday, January 21, at 5.45 p.m. The public are invited.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Charles Edward Stewart was summoned by Edith Gwendoline Stewart to show cause why an order made against him should not be confirmed. The order was a provisional one made under the Maintenance Act 1920 by the Court of Summary Jurisdiction sitting at Merthyr Tydvil on September 23, 1924. The case was adjourned until Friday morning.

Mr. Quivrecourt, residing at Conduit Road, has reported to the police that whilst his wife was walking in Pedder Street yesterday shortly after noon, a Chinese snatched a hand-bag containing \$27 in cash. The thief succeeded in getting away.

Ng Fong, manager of a tailoring shop at No. 3 Tung Street, reports to the police that on Sunday last a man who gave his name as Chow Lai-teng obtained from him by means of a forged order 75 overcoats valued at \$1,026.50.

The method by which a Chinese, found guilty at yesterday's Criminal Sessions of the theft of one rhinoceros horn and two deer horns, was said to have obtained possession of the articles was by the throwing of pepper into the eyes of a shop fook. He pleaded mistaken identity, but was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

A strange story of a plot for revenge comes from Keelung in a dispatch to the "Mainichi." It is alleged that a stoker aboard the steamer "Kwayo Maru" (under charter to the "Osaka Shosen Kaisha") tried to sink the vessel, with the aid of some of his mates, by extinguishing the fires during a storm, their purpose being to bring disgrace and punishment on the chief engineer, against whom they held a grudge. It is rather to be doubted whether seafaring men would deliberately risk their own lives to spite an officer. Evidently there was trouble in the stokehold and an attempt is being made to make it appear a criminal conspiracy on the part of the men.

Outer Mongolia has long been known as a hunting-ground for wild animals, but in the last few years it has developed as a hunting ground for scientific search parties. An A. N. S. telegram states that 50 cases containing the rarest treasures from an ancient city in Outer Mongolia arrived at Moscow on Sunday, sent by a party of Russian archeologists who spent 20 months in excavating old ruins. They found ancient literary collections including writings in seven languages, with dictionaries. The value of the precious stones found, says the message, exceeds the entire cost of the expedition.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

According to a Shanghai message to the "Daily Bulletin," Mr. W. Craig Martin has been officially notified from Dublin of his appointment as Trade and General Representative in China of the Irish Free State Government.

The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald of the Union Church, Hongkong, will speak at the Union Theological College, Paik Hok Tung, Canton, to-day. Seven students of the Bible School Department will receive their diplomas.

The death is announced in Paris, states a Reuter cable, of General Laurence, who commanded the Fifth French Army at the beginning of the war. The defeat of this army at the battle of Charleroi entailed the British retreat from Mons. General Laurence was removed from his command but held the opinion that he was made the scapegoat for disasters for which he was in no way responsible.

According to a Reuter cable from London, the late Mr. George Macdonald, formerly of Messrs. Boustead & Co. of Penang and Singapore, has left estate valued at \$80,000. He bequeathed \$2,000 to the Straits Settlement Benevolent Society.

Passengers departing for Europe by the s.s. "President Van Buren" to-day include Mr. M. V. Davis, of the Standard Oil Co., and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Willey.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Everett, C.I.C. of the China Fleet, accompanied by Lieut-Commander G. F. Hole (Harbour Master), Lieut-Commander Conway Hake R.N.R. (Assistant Harbour Master), Captain Lake and staff, inspected the systems of anti-piracy defence on the river boats along the waterfront yesterday. Sir Alan is reported to have expressed his satisfaction after the inspection.

Mr. Tom D. Gunn, the first Chinese to master the art of flying and well known for his exploits in the air in both China and the United States, died at the Pailin Hospital in Shanghai on Tuesday night of last week, his death being caused by an injury to his spine resulting from a fall.

Mr. P. J. Van Hickey the Hongkong manager of the American Express Company leaves to-day by the s.s. "President Van Buren" for the United States. He travels via Naples and Great Britain, and although it is not yet certain, it is thought that Mr. Van Hickey will return to Hongkong on completion of his holiday.

Passengers arriving yesterday by the s.s. "President Van Buren" included Mr. C. H. Everett, a prominent United States newspaper man, accompanied by his family, who are touring the Far East; Mr. Moore, President of the Panama Pacific Co., Mrs. Moore and Miss Moore; and Mr. Heaton I. Treadway, of Massachusetts, son of Congressman Treadway.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced—Mr. John William McCabe, of the s.s. "Kwai Sang," to Miss Ada Asger, of No. 46 Elgin Street; Mr. George Hallett Madden, of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, to Miss Mary Hannah Wilden, of Jordan House, Kowloon; Mr. Ruston Edall Desai, merchant, of No. 2 Queen's Road, to Miss Homesjee Ruttonjee, of No. 16, Queen's Road Central.

Mr. Oswald Ernest Mosley and Lady Mosley came out East by the "Leicestershire," and are on their way to Government House, Calcutta. Lady Mosley is the second daughter of the Marquess Curzon of Kedleston. Mr. Mosley is the eldest son of Sir Oswald Mosley, Bt.

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The Covered Wagon has won the coveted Gold Medal of the Photoplay Magazine which denotes the finest picture produced in America in 1923 after a great fight with The Ten Commandments, Scaramouche, The Hunchback of Notre Dame and The White Sister. All were noteworthy on account of their excellent directing and acting, although less spectacular in treatment and theme. When the last ballot was counted The Covered Wagon was found to have won by a safe margin.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 17th day of January, 1925, at 8 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of CROWN LAND at North East of Diamond Hill, S. D. 2 in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1896, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 25 years, less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.									
No. of Lots.	Boundary Measure.	Area in Sq. ft.	Area in Sq. yds.	Area in Acres.	Area in Roods.	Area in Furlongs.	Area in Mils.	Area in Rods.	Area in Chains.
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hereby informed that they must
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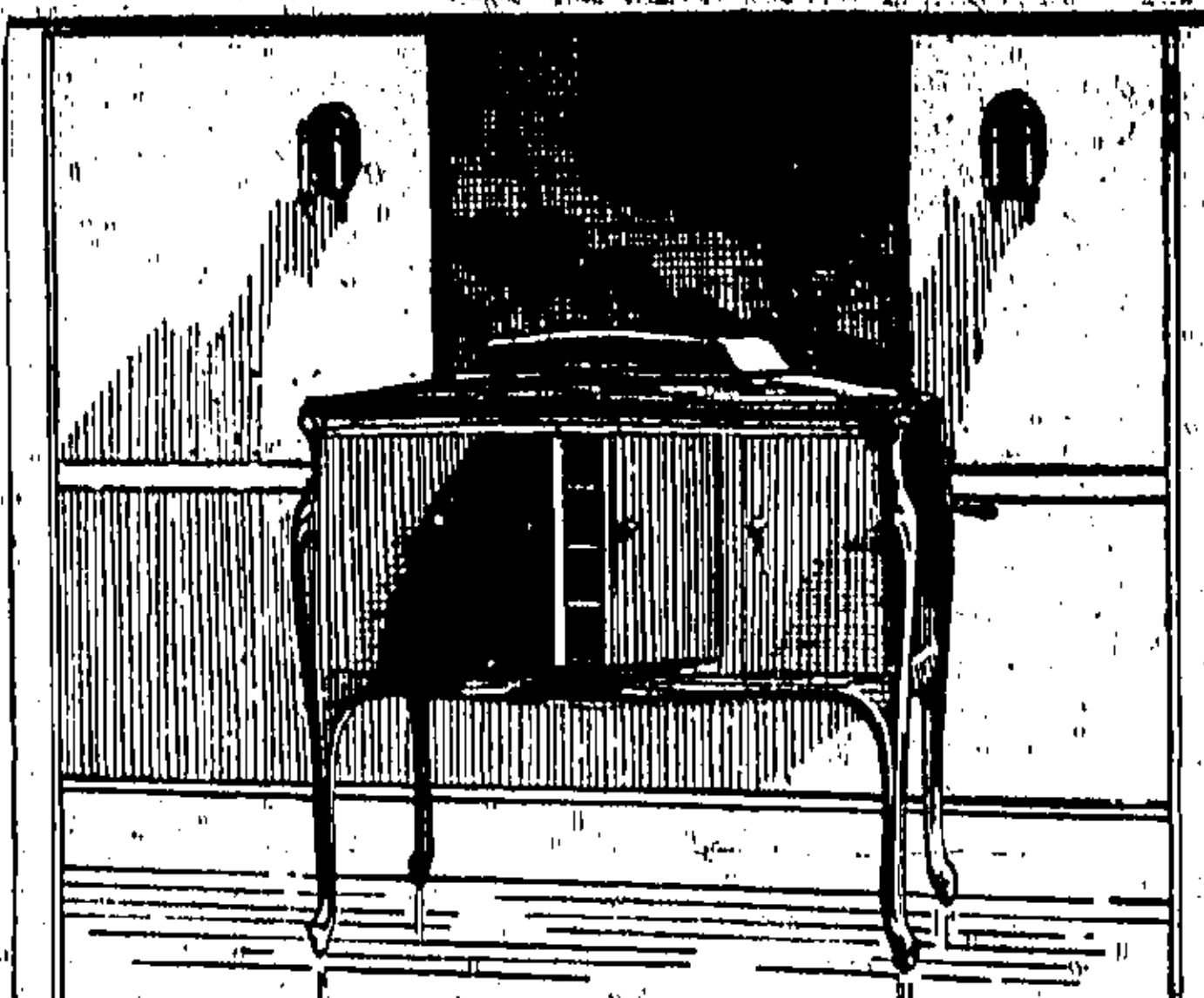
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Ebrahim el Arculli and Family
tender their heartfelt thanks for
the kind expressions of sympathy
they have received on the occasion
of their recent sad bereavement,
and also for the floral tributes.

DEATH.

ARCULLI.—On January 19, at
20, Leighton Hill Road, Hong-
kong, Ommatta, beloved wife
of Ebrahim el Arculli, aged
24. Shanghai papers please
copy.

Hongkong, Tuesday, January 20, 1925.

**BRITAIN'S STRIKING
OFFER.**

"Opium has figured in the cables
so often lately that the public
must be weary of the word.
To-day, however, opium appears
in our cables, not as the subject of
interminable, recriminations or
futile suggestions, but as the sub-
ject of a striking offer that cannot
fail to rouse the public to fresh
interest. Just when it seemed
that the Geneva Conference must
end, in the usual deadlock with
nothing more to its credit than a
few pious hopes, Britain has pro-
vided a formula that can, if loyally
carried out, settle the great opium
problem once and for all. Briefly
the plan is this. Within fifteen
years of the date when China's
efforts to suppress the cultivation
of the poppy have become really
effective, Britain will see to it that
opium-smoking entirely ceases in
her Far Eastern possessions.

China's measures must be so com-
plete that they will prevent the
smuggling of opium into Hong-
kong, and it shall rest with a com-
mission appointed by the League
to say when that pitch of efficiency
has been reached. Nothing could
be fairer than this. Undoubtedly
Britain's offer throws the onus on
China, but without China's lead,
opium-smoking can never be sup-
pressed in Britain's Far Eastern
possessions. Take Hongkong as
the best example. Here the
Government is striving, despite
the heavy revenue loss entailed, to
eliminate smoking by rigidly
enforcing the monopoly which
enables it to reduce the drug's
potency and make the price ever
more exacting. Public smoking
resorts (opium divans) have been
abolished since 1910; the traffic
has been a State monopoly since
1914; the consumption has fallen
in the last ten years from 900
chest to 240 per annum; and
purchasers are now carefully
rationed. But despite all this
Hongkong's efforts to suppress
the drug still further are largely
defeated because China still
cultivates the poppy and smug-
gling cannot be prevented beyond
a certain point. In the words of
the special committee appointed
by H.E. the Governor to
consider the Colony's position
with regard to the obligations
incurred under the International
Opium Convention, "while China
continues to provide its population
with opium in limitless quantity,
Hongkong, in attempting to pre-
vent consumption by those
Chinese who happen to be within
its borders, is merely beating the
air." Accordingly it will be seen
that until China takes the initia-
tive Britain cannot possibly do
more than she is doing at present.
The offer which Lord Robert Cecil
has made at Geneva in the
Empire's name is more than a ges-
ture; it is a formula for the com-
plete suppression of opium-smok-
ing in Hongkong and our other Far
Eastern possessions. If China
declines to accept that formula
she not only makes the labours of
the Geneva conference utterly
abortive, but she also prolongs the
opium evil indefinitely, for it is
upon her own efforts that the
suppression of opium-smoking
within her own territory, not less
than that of Britain's Far Eastern
possessions, finally depends.

Straight Talk.

Actuated by the belief that at
heart the educated Chinese seek
in a paper reflection of "their own
tolerance, moderation and common
sense," a Shanghai publishing
company has embarked upon a
journalistic undertaking of con-
siderable interest. Its make up is
similar to the weekly, fortnightly,
and monthly reviews of events for
which there is such a large market
in Britain. It is to be published
monthly in English and is called
"The Far Eastern Spectator." From the editorial appear-
ing in the first issue it is gathered
that the paper will be conducted
essentially in Chinese interests,
although it is the expressed inten-
tion "to support no party, person,
or interest for any other reason
than that we believe them to be
right." These would not appear
to be idle words, either, for what
straightforward talking could there be
than the following to those
responsible for the chaotic condi-
tion of affairs existing in China
to-day:—"After wild flights of
idealism and hope we find our-
selves almost where we started.
Those of us who looked for some
leadership which would give
security to the homes of millions
of common men and women and
save the younger generation of
youth have been mocked by a
militarism, triumphant and scorn-
ful, whose creed would appear to
be that there is only one God and
he is on the side of the big armies
and the mighty tuchuns." Up-
holding the cause of those in the
Straits Settlements who have
organised a campaign against the
restriction of Civil Service posts
to British subjects of European
birth, another editorial note pays
a tribute to British fairness by
appealing to the organisers to "go
slowly and fair play—the hall-
mark of British administration
throughout her long career as a
colonising Power—will be forth-
coming." On the prospects of the
solution of China's problems there
is much of interest within the
pages of this first number of "The
Far Eastern Spectator." There is
expressed agreement with Mr.
Perceval Landon, whose recent
articles in the London "Daily
Telegraph" attracted a great deal
of attention, that disintegration is
the root of China's trouble, but
disagreement in the analysis of its
causes as given by him and criti-
cism of the articles by Mr. Yu
Loo-tang is published. No ran-
cor or racial feeling is allowed a
place in the arguments contained
in this or the numerous other
articles, and a good start would
appear to have been made with a
magazine which gives promise of
bearing out the claim put forward
on its behalf that it is to contain
nothing but a fearless presenta-
tion of what the editors are con-
vinced are facts.

Aviation and Empire.

A few days ago Reuter informed
us that it had not been definitely
decided to construct an aviation
base at Singapore, but that the
question was being discussed in
connection with the consideration
of the whole problem of defence.
With a naval base and an aviation
base both at Singapore, one can
envisage the mighty assistance
that would and could be rendered
to the whole naval and military
forces throughout the Far East.
It is gratifying that in future
schemes of Imperial defence avia-
tion is to come into its own, that
is, if the aerial experts in
authority in Great Britain at pre-
sent have their own way. It is
only a matter of two short years
or so that the British Air Force
was reduced to such small dimen-
sions as absolutely to be impotent
in the event of a war or even an
international crisis. Happily,
wiser counsels have since pre-
vailed, and there is good reason
for believing that never again will
the flying wing of Britain's forces
either at home or abroad be
regarded as of no importance to
Britain itself or to the Empire as
a whole. The scattered nature of
the Empire calls for a vast im-
provement of our Imperial com-
munications, both militarily and
commercially, and anything that
can be done to further this desir-
able end ought to be welcomed
and encouraged both by the public
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Winnipeg has drafted a dancing

code. It has been approved by
the civic authorities and forwarded
to dance hall proprietors. Here it
is. Exaggerated movements of
the body while dancing are strictly
forbidden. Complex must not
remain in one spot when using
short steps, but must encircle the
ball. The man's right arm must
not encircle his partner's body.
His right hand should be placed
at the middle of her waist. The
girl's arm must not encircle the
man's neck.

PIRATES' HAUNT.

**RUMOUR OF A PROPOSED
DEMONSTRATION.**

BOMBARDMENT POSSIBLE.

Rumour has it that the Naval
and Hongkong authorities have de-
patched an expedition, to act in
unison with the local Chinese
military, in a demonstration against
that part of Bias Bay where the
pirates of the "Hongwha" hunted.
Last week, the "Hongwha"
came in from Singapore, having
been pirated on route and taken to
Bias Bay, where the pirates left
the ship. About \$10,000 in loot
was taken in addition to the ship's
armoury.

It has been reported that a fleet
of Naval armed launches, accom-
panied by one of the larger Police
launches, proceeded, under orders,
on Saturday, to Bias Bay. About
a hundred men, under the command
of General Hung Shu-inn, an ally
of Chan Kwing-ming, and who has
assisted the Hongkong Government
in anti-piracy measures before, were
to have co-operated with the armed
boats.

No information was available at
Police Headquarters when a "China
Mail" reporter called this morning.
The rumour goes so far as to say
that the Bay may be bombarded if
deemed necessary.

[When the gang of about 34
pirates revealed their intentions
on the "Hongwha," they are
alleged to have boasted of having
participated in the attacks on the
"Sui An" and the "Hydrangea." It
is interesting to note that both
these ships were taken to the
neighbourhood of Bias Bay, which
is quite close to Hongkong, on the
route between this Colony and
Swatow.]

MOTOR FATALITY.

**VERDICT IN SESSIONS.
TRIAL TO-DAY.**

PRISONERS SENTENCED.

"I think that the jury have
rightly found you guilty of this
offence," said the Chief Justice;
Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, this
morning, to the two bus men
charged with manslaughter in
connection with the accident on
the Kowloon City Road in Novem-
ber, in which an old man lost his
life and several passengers were
injured. (The prisoners, the
driver and inspector, were said to
be struggling for possession of
the wheel at the time of the
accident).

In his summing up, His Lord-
ship emphasised that drivers had
a duty to pedestrians and passen-
gers as well as to their employers
and should handle their machines
accordingly.

When the jury announced their
verdict His Lordship, addressing
the prisoners, said he could not
understand how people who
understood anything about driv-
ing could be guilty of such foolish
and reckless conduct. They ap-
peared to have chosen the most
dangerous part of the road to
carry out a most dangerous
operation, and he would sentence
them to 18 months' imprisonment
with hard labour.

[The only evidence to be heard
this morning was that of the in-
spector who said that he did not
take the wheel out of the grasp
of the driver. He was looking on to
see if there were any grounds for
the complaint of the driver that the
steering gear was loose, the car
had then swerved, and he fell with
his hand on the wheel; that was
why some of the witnesses
thought he and the driver both
had hold of the wheel.]

ACTOR CHARGED.

CURIOUS CASE AT CANTON.

News has come through from
Canton of an attempt by a party
of men, alleged to be detectives,
to arrest a leading Chinese actor
on a charge of uttering, in Hong-
kong, while on the stage, certain
words against Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

It is not known if the charge
amounts to one of libel or *lese
majeste*, the colloquial being to
the effect that the actor had "run
the doctor down."

In this connection it should be
explained that most of the word-
ing of a Chinese play is extem-
poraneous but the authorities
never permit anything in the
shape of political propaganda.

The actor in question is the
second female impersonator in the
Yan Sau Nin troupe, which is one
of the most popular showing to
Hongkong audiences. His stage
name is Fung King-man. It is
needless to state that all female
parts on the Chinese stage proper
are undertaken by men.

The report goes that the troupe
was performing in the Honam
Theatre in Canton, but that the
star heard of the contemplated
raid and fled. By a strange coin-
cidence the troupe was showing in
aid of funds to support a gen-
darmie contingent in Canton.

"MOVE ON!"

**INDIAN CONSTABLE AND A
PRESSMAN.**

"IN SEARCH OF 'COPY.'"

Bearing in mind two recent
articles—one by the "China Press"
(Shanghai) on bullion transit in
Shanghai streets and another in
this paper on conditions in Hong-
kong—a "China Mail" reporter
was told to move on this morning
for trying to track down two
bags of what appeared to be
treasure.

It is not every bank in Hong-
kong that, to use the words of the
Shanghai paper, "hands two boxes
of silver to a coolie at the rear door
and then proceeds to forget about
them." An escort—whether armed
or not, it was not possible to
ascertain—certainly accompanied
two mesh bags of valuable prop-
erty to the F. & O. Bank this morn-
ing.

Standing outside Jardine's office,
the reporter saw four *chiks* carrying
between them two bags, the con-
tents of which, as seen through the
meshes, looked like small sealed
boxes of gold coins. A European
and a Chinese walked close to the
coolies.

Very likely it was while he
was following in the wake of
the treasure, and peering under
the European's jacket to see if
a weapon were carried, that the
reporter attracted the attention of
an Indian policeman. At any
rate, after the treasure had turned
into the lane between the Post
Office and the new F. & O. build-
ing, the officer came up to the
reporter and told him to "move
on."

"CHINA PRESS" SUED.

**\$50,000 CLAIM FOR ALLEGED
LIBEL.**

A claim for \$50,000 damages
has been filed against the "China
Press" in the U.S. Court by the
law firm of Faison and Heath.

The matter concerns the report
of an arson case which was tried
in the Mixed Court on the 7th
instant, and plaintiff, Mr. A.
Ross, alleges that the report stig-
matizes him "as being a member
of the band of incendiaries who
conspired to and did commit
arson."

The fire was that which oc-
curred in North Soochow Road in
March, 1921, when some 2,000
bales of silk valued at over
Tls. 6,000,000 were destroyed.

"ANHUI" OUT.

**UNOFFICIAL TRIALS TO-
DAY.**

This morning, the unofficial
trials of the steamer "Anhui"
were held.

The "Anhui" has just been
built by the Takoo Dock Co. for
the China Navigation Co.

It is expected that the public
speed trials will be announced in
due course.

WIRELESS!

**AN EXPERIMENT ON THE
"LUNGSHAN."**

In local shipping circles this
morning it was reported that the
management of the Hongkong,
Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.,
Ltd., were fitting their fleet of
river boats with wireless and that
work would be put in hand next
week.

On enquiry from the office it
was gathered that the s.s. "Lung-
shan"—the latest addition to the
fleet and the most luxuriously
fitted—was to have wireless put
in as an experiment.

"SAVE THE MIKASA."

**DEFINITE DECISION MADE
IN TOKIO.**

(Courtesy of Daily Bulletin).

TOKIO, January 16.

Having received consent from
all the signatories to the Naval
Treaty, as well as that of the navy,
the "Save the Mikasa" Society,
with Admiral Togo as Hon. Pres-
ident, this afternoon, decided to
preserve the historic battleship,
which was to be scrapped under
the terms of the Naval Treaty, as a
national memorial.

The present state of the vessel
renders it impossible to move her
from Yokosuka, where the mem-
orial is to be established.

The navy has contributed the
cost of scrapping the vessel to-
wards the preservation fund, for
which a national appeal is being
made.

PRINCE IN SCOTLAND.

GREAT RECEPTION ON THE BORDERS.

In mail week the Prince of Wales paid a four days' visit to Scotland, and carried through engagements in Edinburgh and on the Borders.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who was the guest of the Earl and Countess of Minto at Minto House, near Hawick, during his four days' visit to Scotland, arrived on Tuesday morning at Haddington, a quiet, wayside station, and motored from there to Minto House. His Royal Highness spent the forenoon and early afternoon hunting with the Duke of Buccleuch's foxhounds, and in the evening there was a dinner party and dance at Minto House. Those private engagements were a preliminary to two strenuous days in Edinburgh.

Hawick on Wednesday was ablaze with decorations. All the way from the burgh boundary at Thornwood, a little to the east of Wepman, right along the whole route streamers spanned the streets, and flags were flown at all the principal buildings.

The High Street has seldom, if ever, presented a more brilliant sight. Practically every building had its form of decoration. Amid a floral profusion at the Town Hall a streamer was displayed along the balcony with the words, "Welcome to our Prince."

Teribus And Teriodin.

As he entered the town at the East End the Prince was greeted with a streamer bearing the "Teribus" magic words "Teribus and Teriodin," while on the other side, to catch his eye on the outward journey, was the request, "Will ye no come back again?"

The main thoroughfares were lined with crowds of enthusiastic spectators long before the time fixed for the arrival of the Prince, who was met at the burgh boundary by Chief-Constable Thom.

A series of engagements then followed. His Royal Highness inspected the guard of honour of the 4th K.O.S.B. (Territorials), laying the foundation stone of the Memorial Ward of the Cottage Hospital, erected in memory of the Hon. Esmond Elliot.

This brought the party to the new Laurie Bridge which has been erected over the River Teviot, and which was the gift of the late Mr. Walter Laurie. At this point the Prince, with a pair of silver scissors cut the blue and gold ribbons stretched across the entrance, and formally opened the bridge.

On the avenue in front of the War Memorial and Wilton Lodge Mansion-House there was drawn up a guard of honour from the Hawick ex-Service men, who were inspected by the Prince.

At The War Memorial.

At the close of the inspection the Prince advanced to the War Memorial, and reverently laid on the Memorial a beautiful floral wreath. It had a ground-work of white chrysanthemums, with lily of the valley, harrissii lilies, scarlet carnations, and a centre cross of Parma violets, with the inscription on the ribbon: "In Memoriam." Placed on the War Memorial by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, 3rd December, 1924.

An illuminated address with representations of the Hawick Coat of Arms, the 1614 memorial, St. Mary's Church, and the War Memorial, was handed to the Prince.

As the Prince left, Major MacDonald called on the ex-Service men to uncover, and led them in three hearty cheers. The Prince, left in a saloon car, accompanied by the Duke of Buccleuch and Lord Minto, the Provost, and Magistrates, the Town-Clerk, and the Chief-Constable escorting His Royal Highness to the burgh boundary at Wilton Hill, en route for Selkirk, Galashiels, and Edinburgh.

The concourse of people at all points on the route was enormous, and there were remarkable and continuous demonstrations of loyalty. It was in reality "A crowded hour of glorious life," which will long remain memorable in the annals of Hawick.

His Royal Highness arrived in Selkirk at 10.35 on his way to Edinburgh. Entering the town by Tower Street he was given an enthusiastic reception by the vast crowd of people gathered in the market place, which included 700 school children from the district. The town was gaily decorated.

At Galashiels.

Intense interest was displayed over the visit of the Prince to Galashiels, this being the first occasion on which a member of the Royal Family has been received in the town. The occasion was also marked by the laying of a commemorative corner stone on the Galashiels War Memorial at the new Municipal Buildings.

The stone, a large block of freestone, had had carved upon it a

crown surmounted by the Prince of Wales crest and the date 3/12/1924. The Royal visitor was accorded a real Border welcome, the town being gaily decorated with flags and bunting.

Provost Dalziel extended an address of welcome to the Prince, after which Sir Robert Lorimer explained the design of the memorial, during which period the commemorative stone was placed in position. The Prince made his departure for Edinburgh amid great cheering.

With The Students.

The Prince's journey over the hills to Edinburgh could not have been a very enjoyable one with the rain battering on the wind-screen of the car and mist blotting out the surrounding country. The beauty of the scenes which have inspired our Scottish bards had to be taken for granted, and the car sped down the hills from Heriot without loss of time to admire the view.

The Prince's first engagement in the city was at the King's Buildings of Edinburgh University at West Mains Road. It was rather a melancholy coincidence that the weather should have been as miserable at the opening ceremony as on the occasion of laying the foundation stone by the King.

In declaring the new buildings open, the Prince said:—

"The opening of these magnificent new buildings is a proof that your University is alive to the needs of modern education."

It is complete in all material details, but it is incomplete in one respect only—the debt which the University has unavoidably incurred in carrying it out has not yet been paid off.

"I feel sure many individual Scotsmen would gladly mark their appreciation of it by helping to remove from the shoulders of the University of Edinburgh the burden which they now bear. To such Scotsmen I appeal to-day."

Boisterous scenes were witnessed both inside and out the McEwan Hall before the Prince arrived to be presented with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Inside the whole building from floor to ceiling was early packed out, and up in the "gods" leather-lunged students joined vocally in an astonishing organ recital which ranged from "Britons never shall be slaves" to "Felix kept on walking still," and "Horsely keep your tail up."

The Prince Arrives.

At ten minutes to one the Prince arrived. Wearing over his khaki uniform the deep red, fringed with blue, gown of a Doctor of Law, he immediately followed Earl Balfour, who headed the procession. The applause which burst forth from the standing audience was terrific, the very building seeming to tremble at the prolonged cheers which echoed and re-echoed through the hall.

Professor Mackintosh, rising, said it was his good fortune to be charged with the duty of presenting for the Degree of Doctor of Laws His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, whom they welcomed as their very own by his romantic titles of Prince and Steward of Scotland and Lord of the Isles.

Interruptions which occurred during the speech made the Prince smile, but when he himself rose to speak there was immediate silence. After conferring the degree, the Chancellor, Earl Balfour, said His Highness was the most illustrious of His Majesty's subjects and the best beloved, and it was a proud moment for that great University when it could enroll the Prince among its members. In his view of the events, this was a special, interesting occasion in the annals of the University, not merely on account of the illustrious character of their new graduate, but because of the ceremony he had that morning performed—the opening of that great institute—"Is that a fact," and laughter, the new chemistry laboratory, of which the King laid the foundation stone, and which was a long step towards bringing the equipment of the University to the highest standard of modern efficiency. This would appeal not merely to Scotsmen in Scotland but to men of Scots descent all over the world who had received their training there, and who desired to send their sons to this institution—(loud laughter)—from which they had gained so much.

Prince's Joke With Chancellor. In reply, the Prince said that it was a matter of great regret to him that his admission to the Degree of Doctor of Laws of the ancient University had been of necessity so long delayed, but he was indeed proud in opening the new King's Buildings and in receiving the present honour at their hands, to become closely associated with a foundation which dated from a Royal Charter granted in 1583 by King James IV., and which, thanks largely to the liberality of the

MUSEUM OF CRIME.

MODERN DETECTIVES AS SCIENTISTS.

Modern detectives are far more businesslike in their methods than the detectives of fiction; they have reduced their calling to a precise combination of the exact sciences.

The police museum at Lyons, France, in charge of Dr. Edmund Locard, criminal expert, is described by a writer in La Victoire (Paris) quoted in the "Literary Digest."

"Nothing is more curious than Dr. Locard's museum, and nothing more amusing than to visit it with the doctor himself for a guide," says the writer. "Imagine Sherlock Holmes, reduced to the age of twenty-five, forgetting all those 'intuitions' to which he owes so great a success, and deciding to admit no evidence not validated by chemistry, physics or natural history."

"Here, for instance, is an escaped criminal who made the mistake of lying prone in the sand. He did not know that he was executing his own portrait, but that is just what he did." Dr. Locard poured into the print of his body in the sand a milk of lime that deposited, in drying a layer sufficiently hard and fine to furnish a perfect mould. He filled this mould with plaster of Paris, and behold the impression of his two hands, of his body, and of a waistcoat, the peculiar form of whose buttons brought about his prompt arrest. By its side hang a pair of velvet breeches, whose left leg, shorter than the right, shows imperfect repair. A little farther away is the imprint of a set of teeth in a chestnut cake. Every one's teeth are strained in a certain way, and no two in the same way. There is a thumbprint on a drop of candle wax.

"And this print here, Doctor? It is an odd one!"

HUMAN APES.

"Yes the ridges are parallel, without angles or loops; the hand of an ape who committed robbery with assault and was promptly apprehended with his owner. It might have been also the hand of an epileptic of the second or third generation."

Does epilepsy throw us back to the monkey?

"We must conclude so. But among a million epileptics, there is only about one or about thirty-five in all France—who has degenerated to this point."

"Finger-prints and still finger-prints: one enlarged 16,000 times; the pores are as large as a five-franc piece, another recorded itself through a cloth glove; a third possesses 116 characteristics, distinguishing 116 times from the rest of humanity the brute who killed Coco-la-Chérie with thirty-two knife thrusts for the sum of two sous."

PERSUASION.

"Now graphology—an overcharge, made apparent by photography—one signature registered on another almost exactly. Forgers should never trace; a man who signs his name 400 times a day never does it twice exactly alike."

"The implements of crime. I recommend for head-breaking this electric cord with a ball of lead at the end; it smashed a skull into ten fragments. Here is an 'anaesthetic'—so called by its inventor: twelve strokes on the head 'put a man to sleep' for three hours. And here is a masterpiece—this necklace of leaden olives, invention of a chauffeur from La Drome, who had once been a priest and who had noticed in striking his hand with his rosary that the multiplicity of slight impacts, equal and simultaneous, was oddly painful. With this he chastised gently the hands of persons who hesitated to betray the hiding-places of their savings; no one he assured me, held out after the third stroke. Don't try it, I had the curiosity to do so. The slightest tap is intolerable, for the effect lasts for hours."

citizens of Edinburgh had grown and prospered through the succeeding centuries.

This is by no means the first time, Mr. Chancellor, said His Royal Highness with a smile, that we have met one another in circumstances such as these. You will doubtless recall a day at Cambridge, when you were good enough to confer a degree upon me in Latin, a language with which I regret to say I am unable to claim great familiarity. (Laughter and applause.) Shortly afterwards, I found myself in a position, as Chancellor of the University of Wales, to retaliate, when in admitting you to a degree at Cardiff, it fell to my lot to address you at some length in Welsh. (Laughter.) Now for the third time, with no handicap on one side or the other, we meet in a common tongue, and the match, if I may put it so, remains all square."

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CLAIM TO A DUKEDOM.

MARRIAGE TO BE PROVED.

EVIDENCE OF PARISH REGISTER.

The Committee for Privileges who, after having the Somerset dukedom case before them in July last adjourned the further hearing of the petition, met in the "Moses" Room in the House of Lords the Earl of Donoughmore presiding. The other members of the Committee present were Lord Carson, Lord Sumner, Lord Wrenbury, Lord Hylton, Lord Redesdale, and Lord Atkinson. The petition is that of Brigadier-General Sir Edward Hamilton Seymour claiming to be Duke of Somerset and Baron Seymour. Mr. Henry Sydney Seymour had also claimed the Dukedom and Baroncy, but it was understood he was not prepared further to persist in the claim. The present Marquis of Hertford, who was next in remainder, attended in July to protect his interest, and it was understood that a petition had now been presented on his behalf claiming the Dukedom of Somerset, and in consequence intimation was given that if this petition was persisted in Mr. Henry Sydney Seymour would claim his rights as regards the Marquis's petition.

The titles which are under consideration were bestowed on Edward Seymour, the brother of Jane Seymour, Queen of Henry VIII., and the mother of King Edward VI. Seymour was appointed the Governor of his nephew, Edward VI., and Protector of the Realm. As stated in the case on behalf of the Duke of Somerset, his rise was rapid; so was his fall. In 1536 he was created Viscount Beauchamp, in 1537 Earl of Hertford, and in 1546 Baron Seymour, and on the following day, Duke of Somerset, the two last creations being made with the special remainder to his heirs male by his then wife, failing whom to the son of his first wife, and to his heirs male, failing them to the heirs male of the Duke by any other wife—remainders although curious which are not unique.

The Duke was found guilty of high treason, was beheaded in the Tower of London in 1552, and was attainted, all his honours being forfeited. In the present controversy it is necessary to prove that in 1588 a Francis, Edward Seymour was married to Leonora Hudson.

Counsel appearing were: For Sir Edward Hamilton Seymour—Mr. G. C. C. and Mr. Fox Davies. For the Marquis of Hertford—Mr. St. John Field and Mr. Briggeman. For Mr. H. S. Seymour—Mr. Turnbull.

For the Crown—The Solicitor-General and Mr. Geoffrey Ellis. Mr. Turnbull informed the Committee that since the last hearing many efforts had been made to discover evidence of the death of John Hudson and of the second marriage of Leonora Hudson after his death. Shortly the position now was that Mr. Henry Sydney Seymour was not prepared further to persist in the claim put forward by Sir Edward Seymour.

Mr. St. John Field said it was only within the last fortnight that the fact that Mr. Seymour was not going on with his claim was known, and the Marquis of Hertford felt it was not only his right, but his duty, to lay before the Committee evidence which had been collected in regard to the allegation that John Hudson was alive at the date when Francis Compton Seymour married Leonora Hudson. An adjournment was desired to bring further evidence.

One vital fact which was not before the Committee in July was that there was now evidence of the burial of John Hudson in mid-summer, 1791, in the burial-ground of St. George's, Hanover-square, his original parish, and where he married Leonora Hudson.

Mr. Cunliffe: A John Hudson who was ten years younger.

Lord Sumner: Is this fresh evidence a tombstone?

Mr. Field: No; it is a parish register.

Lord Sumner: And is that the only fresh evidence?

Mr. Field said he thought it was. It was an entry which was contained in the churchwarden's burial register of June, 1791.

The Solicitor-General said the matter was not one which called for a lengthy adjournment.

Finally, their lordships granted an adjournment, and intimated that the hearing would be resumed on the first Wednesday after the House of Lords assembled in February.

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MY AMERICAN WIFE.

GLORIA SWANSON IN BIG PICTURE.

Sporting novels and sporting romances appeal to a very large section of the public, both in the Colonies and at Home. Whenever a horse race has been seen on the screen, crowded houses have invariably been the rule. Added to the fact that Gloria Swanson is the heroine, the sporting picture, "My American Wife," to be screened at the Coronet to-night, should fetch the sporting public in their hundreds—we could safely say thousands did the seating accommodation at the Coronet permit of such numbers at one session.

Gloria Swanson is allocated the part of Natalie Chester, a young Kentucky girl with a penchant for racehorses, and she is never happier than when leading in a winner. At one of the meetings she meets a young Spanish nobleman, Manuel La Tassa (played by Antonio Moreno), and then the fun begins. Natalie has a rival, and the two think to settle their differences by the orthodox duel—crushed, that is, to 'hot-headed' folk who lived in the days and the countries where duelling was commoner than boxing. But poor Natalie's lover is laid low, and what can she do but act as his nurse?

The picture is full of complications and dramatic situations, and should be seen to be appreciated. Supporting "My American Wife" will be the ever-popular and amusing Charlie Chaplin in "The Fourth Floor."

THE FIGHTING FURY.

BIG THRILLS AT THE STAR THEATRE TO-DAY.

An old favourite to Kowloon lovers of the silver screen will be seen to-day in "The Fighting Fury," in which the principal character is Jack Hoxie, who recently appeared in "The Red Warning," "The Galloping Ace," and other sensational pictures.

In "The Fighting Fury," the part assigned to Jack Hoxie is almost a superman one—that of avenging the murder of his parents when he was but a child. The idea savours of impossibility, but such a notion is soon scouted as the audience begins to get into the thick of the plot, which is intensely dramatic and exciting from first to last. There is nothing overdone or exaggerated, and yet the adventures that befall Jack Hoxie before he runs the crooks to earth would fill a whole adventure book.

"Fighting Fury" is adapted from Walter Coburn's story, "Triple Cross for Danger," and the scenes are above the average for a picture dealing with cattle raids on the borders between America and Mexico. The night scenes are particularly good, as well they may, for they were taken at Lone Pine, California, in a section on the edge of Death Valley, where Nature is impressive in the brightness of her wonders.

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IN DANGER.

BRITISH SHIPS SHELLED BY CHINESE.

(Reuter's Service.)

SHANGHAI, January 19. The British steamer "Wenchow," owned by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire was heavily shelled 7 miles above Chinkiang, on Friday. One shell passed just over the bridge, but did not hit. The vessel was forced to return to Hankow, whence H.M.S. "Scrab" finally escorted her and two other British steamers to Shanghai.

Another of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's steamers, s.s. "Tungchow," from Tientsin, was also shelled when passing Woosung forts this morning, but was not hit.

A Shanghai message to the "Daily Bulletin" states:—The shelling of the steamer "Wenchow" occurred on passing Deer Island, when the Chi Hsieh-yuan forces opened fire, first across her bows and then over the vessel. The Wenchow put back from the South Channel and tried the North Channel above Deer Island, but the Chinese again opened fire more heavily, one shell passing over the bridge and another striking the river bank 25 yards in front of the ship, when the "Wenchow" made for Nanking.

U.S. FLEET FROM MANILA.

MANILA, January 19.

The United States Asiatic Fleet, excepting the submarines, left here to-day bound for Shanghai.

TROTSKY DEFIANT.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, January 19. Trotsky's statement, read at the Communist Party Executive Meeting, denied he favoured any revision of Leninism or had belittled Lenin. Far from being refractory to discipline, he was ready to accomplish any task imposed by the party, but recent discussions necessitated his being relieved of his post of President of the War Council.

A resolution was adopted at the meeting and affirmed that iron discipline had always been the most valuable Communist weapon, and Trotsky's repeated attacks on Bolshevism compelled action. It accused Trotsky of making himself the mouthpiece of the small bourgeoisie. His anti-Leninist views about peasants were especially dangerous because they undermined the confidence of the peasants in the Soviet Policy. The resolution concluded by declaring Trotsky's submission was a pure formality, as he had not admitted his errors.

MISSING SHIP.

"PAFFAT" NOW REPORTED AT DALNY.

ANXIETY DISPELLED.

Yesterday, Messrs. Karsten Larsen and Co., local agents for the s.s. "Paffat," informed the Harbour Office that the steamer had departed from Hongkong, for Dairen, on January 3 and that no news had been received as to her whereabouts.

The concern at her non-arrival, much behind time, has now been dispelled by a cable which the agents received this morning. Under yesterday's date, the cable was to the effect that the "Paffat" had reached Dalny.

No particulars are available as to the cause of the delay.

HOCKEY.

CLUB "A" v. 38TH HEAVY BATTERY, R.A.

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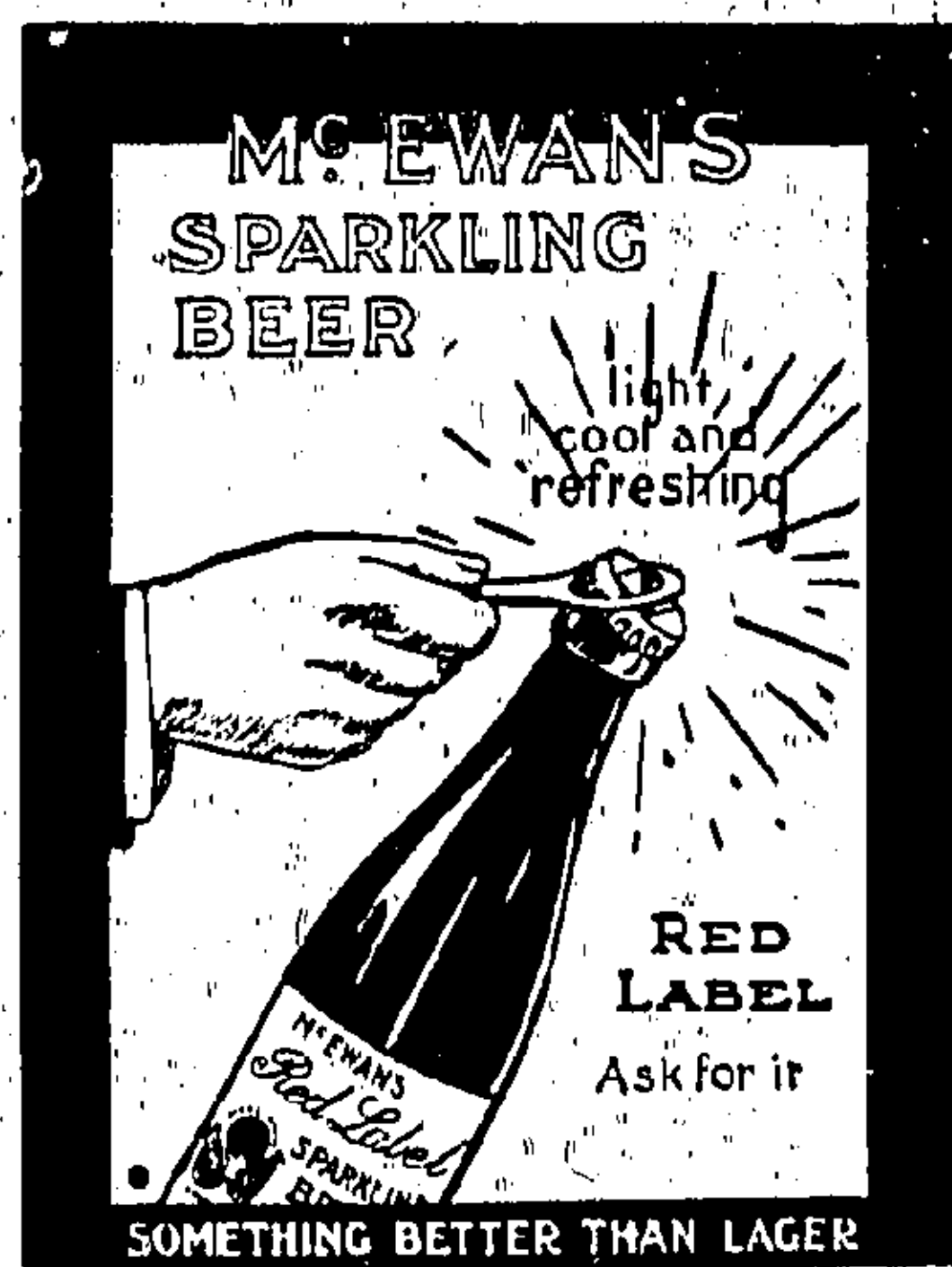
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SOLE AGENTS.

MOTHER & DAUGHTER AT VARIANCE.



ALICE V. YOREX & MRS. L. A. DANA.

Mrs. Dana, has named her daughter by a former marriage, Alice Violet Yorex, as co-respondent in her divorce suit against her second husband, Dr. L. A. Dana. Miss Yorex denied the charge, declaring her mother sought to ruin her reputation because she refused to take part in an alleged plot to obtain possession of Dr. Dana's property.

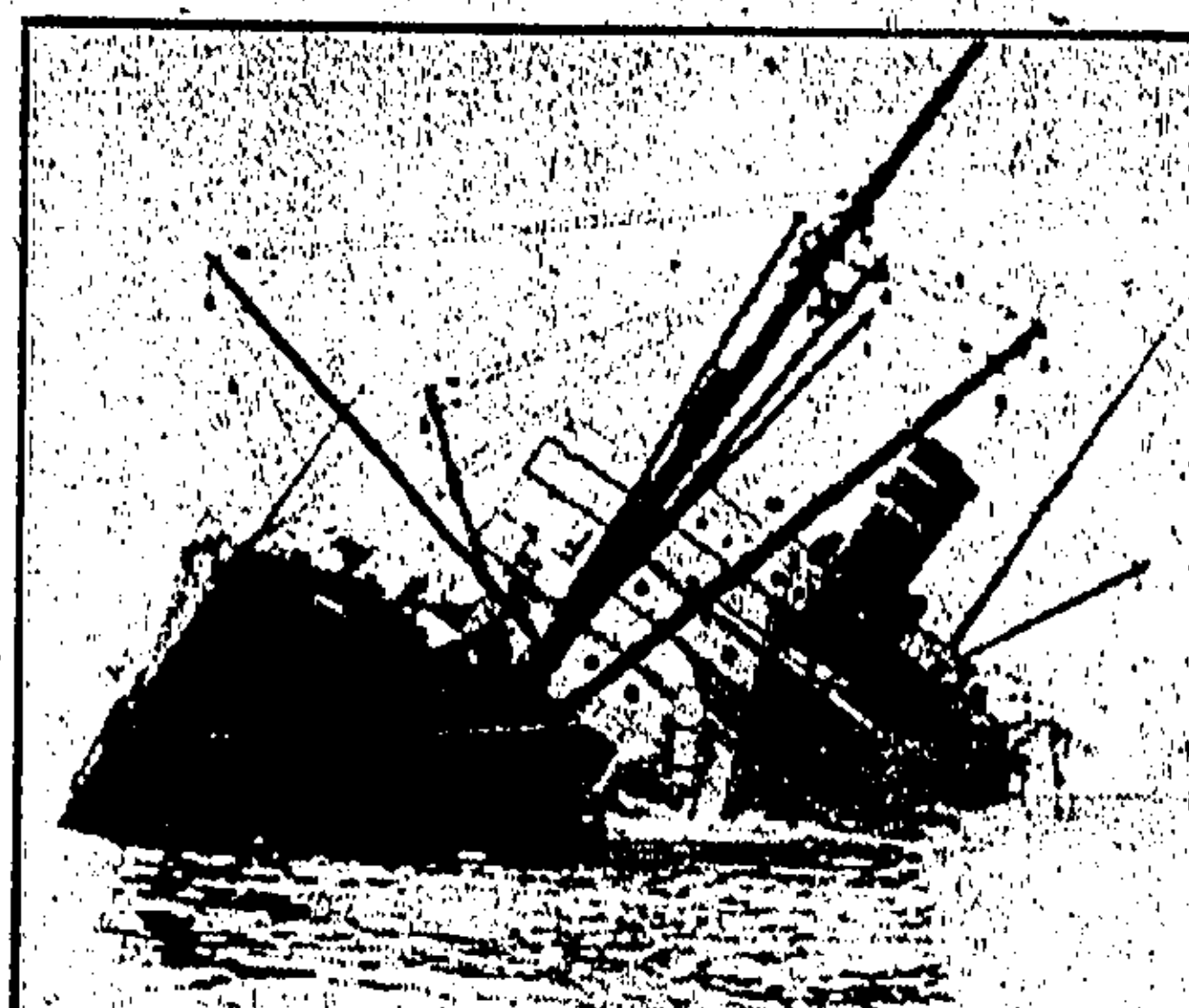
Kerrigan Injured.



J. WARREN KERRIGAN.

J. Warren Kerrigan, screen star and leading man in "The Covered Wagon," has been seriously injured in a motor car. He was pitched through the windshield, sustaining injuries which may force him to cease acting.

LINER FOUNDERS IN HURRICANE



S.S. LA ESPERANZA.

Above is a view of the Ward liner "La Esperanza," which foundered outside the port of Tampico, Mexico, when struck by a hurricane. Wireless signals brought other ships to the scene and all the passengers were saved.

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MISS ISABEL ROCKEFELLER.

Miss Isabel Rockefeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Rockefeller, and a grand-niece of John D. Rockefeller, is now a teacher of biology in a teachers' college. Miss Rockefeller was introduced to society two years ago, but has never been conspicuous in social activities.



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GEORGE EASTMAN.

Desiring to stop making money for himself, George Eastman, President of the Eastman Kodak Company, has given away his last \$5,000,000 of stock of the company, retaining only enough to have a voice in the management. This makes \$8,000,000 he has given away. Massachusetts Institute of Technology gets \$200,000; Eastman School of Music, Rochester University, gets \$200,000; University of Rochester Medical School, \$200,000; University of Rochester College for Women, \$200,000; Hampton Institute, \$200,000, and Tuskegee Institute, \$200,000.

Above: MRS. AUGUSTIN BELMONT & RUTH NUGENT.
Below: MRS. RAYMOND BELMONT & MME. JOHANNA GADEKI.

Mrs. Raymond Belmont, is reported to be on her way to Paris to seek a divorce from the son of Major August Belmont, wealthy sportsman. Mme. Johanna Gadeki, famous prima donna, closed her theatrical engagement to sail for Germany, where she will undergo an operation on her throat. Augustin McHugh, playwright and author of "Love in Twenty Minutes," had planned to remain a bachelor, but when he met Miss Helen Counihan, artist's model, he made love for twenty minutes, proposed in two seconds, and spent the next four hours getting a marriage licence. Miss Ruth Nugent has married Alan Bonch, actor.

Above: MRS. CORA LA FORGE & EULIS CUTTING.
Below: GEN. R. V. DULLAARD & GUSTAV STRESEMANN.

Dr. Gustav Stresemann, German Foreign Minister, becomes the final arbiter in German politics as the result of the Reichstag elections. Major General Robert Lee Bullard, who commanded the American First Field Army in France, and who retires soon as commander of the Second Corps Area, with headquarters in New York, has been quoted as declaring that, because of their superior discipline, one German soldier was as good as three Allied soldiers in the war. Eulis Cutting, eighty-seven, the last surviving member of the Light Brigade to ride with Lord Raglan in the immortal charge on the Russian guns at Balaklava, in the Crimean war, has died of paralysis. Mrs. Cora La Forge's full name incorporates fifteen hyphens as a result of that many marriages. She has just secured her eleventh divorce, and intends to marry again. She is forty-five.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



LAMMERT BROS.AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS.**Public Auctions****THE WATER SUPPLY.**Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
on the 1st January 1925.ONTARIO AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS
LEVEL.

Station	1924	1925
Tram 10, Hill, Below	21.10m. Below overtop	
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Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and decimals
of gallons during the month of December.Constant Supply in all Rider Main
Districts during December 1924.
Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main
Districts West of Eastern Street and Full
Supply in all Rider Main Districts East
of Eastern Street during December 1924.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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Consumption of water in Kowloon in
millions and decimals of gallons during the
month of December.Full Supply in all districts during
December 1924 and 1925.
(The Government Analyst's recent re-
ports show that the quality of the water
is satisfactory.)Total Rainfall in 1924, 1925, 1924
H. T. ORBAST.
Water Authority.
Public Works Department.**UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS**THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-
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are lying at the office of The
Great Northern Telegraph Company
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Shanghai
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Chin Kee from Amoy
Chen Hing Loong Loong Man-yang
from Amoy
Kwong Tai Loy Chan, Koo Fun Lau
from Shanghai
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Hongkong Station 8th January, 1925.EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRAL-
ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.List of unclaimed telegrams lying in
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Hongkong, 8th January, 1925.**WORLD OF SPORT.****FOOTBALL.**REPLAY IN ENGLISH CUP
MATCH.**CARDIFF WIN.**

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 19.
In the replayed match in the
first round of the English Cup,
Cardiff beat Darlington by two
goals to nil at Liverpool.Trial Match.
In an association football trial
match, at Chelsea, South beat North
by three goals to one.**CRICKET.**AUSTRALIA V. ENGLAND
AT ADELAIDE.

(Reuter's Service.)

ADELAIDE, January 19.
At the close of play to-day
England's first innings score was
270 for six wickets.Hobbs played a chanceless
innings, restrained but resolute. It
was a magnificent effort. The scor-
ing of his first ten runs occupied 50
minutes. He was given a splendid
ovation when he came in at the
end of the day's play.Sutcliffe batted for 2 1/2 hours,
with rocklike defence. He hit two
fours. Hendren batted soundly for
the 75 minutes he was at the creases.It was a plucky fight for runs
throughout, against excellent
bowling and fielding. Woolley's
knee failed him and it is unlikely
that he will be able to bowl.
Freeman's wrist has improved
after the rest.The weather was fine and hot
and the wicket was in good order.
The attendance numbered 10,000.Scores:
W. W. Whysall, b Gregory ... 9
H. Strudwick, c Gregory, b
Kelleway ... 1
M. W. Tate, c Andrews, b
Mailey ... 27
Mr. A. P. F. Chapman, b
Gregory ... 26
J. B. Hobbs, not out ... 99
H. Sutcliffe, c Oldfield, b Ryder 33
F. E. Woolley, c Andrews, b
Mailey ... 16
E. Hendren not out ... 47
Extras ... 12

Total (for six wickets) ... 270

AMERICAN GOLF.

THREE BIG CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Dates for the three big golf
championships of the United
States will be arranged so as not
to interfere with the leading con-
tests of Europe, according to the
schedule of American tournaments
now before the United States Golf
Association for action.Under this temporary schedule,
the national open will be played
the first week in June at Worces-
ter, Mass., the amateur the first
week in September at the Oak-
mont Club, Pittsburgh, and the
women's title affair at St. Louis
the second week in October. The
public links event is set for the
first week in August at Salisbury.The British open is listed for
Prestwick the week of June 22,
giving American entrants plenty
of time to reach foreign shores
after the meeting at Worcester.The British amateur and women's
meetings will be played at West-
ward Ho and Troon the week of
May 25, according to present
plans.**BERNARD SHAW.**DESCRIBES HIS FIRST
BALL GAME.It is a noteworthy fact that
kicking and beating have played
so considerable a part in the
habits which necessity has im-
posed on mankind in past ages
that the only way of preventing
civilized men from kicking and
beating their wives is to organize
games in which they can kick and
beat a bull. Hence cricket and
football in England and baseball
in America, writes George
Bernard Shaw, in describing the
baseball game between the
"Giants" and "White Sox" in
London, the first game of the
kind he ever saw.Women beat their husbands
and children for want of an
energetic alternative. Musical
nation, like the Irish, resort to
instruments of percussion to
satisfy the irresistible impulse to
hit something. The Ulster rum
has saved many a Catholic from
a broken head.It was as a sociologist, not as
a sportsman—I cannot endure
the boredom of sport—that I
seized the opportunity of the
London visit of the famous
Chicago "Sioux" and the New
York "Apaches"—I am not quite
sure of the names—to witness for
the first time a game of baseball.I found that it has the great
advantage over cricket of being
sooner over. As far as I can
grasp it, combines the best fea-
tures of that primitive, form of
cricket (the only tolerable one),
known as "Up-and-run" with
those of lawn tennis, Puss-in-the-
corner and Handball's "Messiah,"
and it surpasses them all (except
Handball). In giving hope for the
higher human faculties, of
rhetoric, irony and eloquent
emotional appeal, even, those
players who had no gift of
eloquence expressed their souls in
dithyrambic cries like the Greek
"Evoo," which sounded to me
like "ataboy." I confess that I
am not enough of a Greek scholar
to translate "ataboy," but it is a
very stimulating ejaculation.SPECTATORS GET KICK.
What is both surprising and
delightful is that the spectators
are allowed and even expected to
join in the vocal part of the game.I do not see why this feature
should not be introduced into
cricket. There is no reason why
the wicket keeper should not in-
cite the bowler to heroic exertions
by combined taunting and coax-
ing, or why the field should not
try to put the batsman off his
stroke at the critical moment by
neatly timed disparagements of
his wife's fidelity and his
mother's respectability.It is true that the English
cricketer would not do it exactly
in that way. He would cry, "Get
your hair cut," or "take off that
paper collar," or "beaver," but
the intention and the effect would
be the same, and the spectators
could let themselves go utterly,
rivaling each other in every art
of the satirist and every apos-
trophe of the hero-worshipper.CRICKET-CAN'T COMPARE.
But even with this borrowed
improvement I think cricket
would still be unable to compete
with baseball except in slowness**TEST CRICKET.**

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I do not remember ever to have
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interest of the public than in the
matter of the M.C.C. tour in Aus-
tralia. It is a subject discussed
for at least a few minutes
wherever two or three average
citizens are met together. From
the point of view of the journalist,
it is almost impossible to realize how
our team is really performing.
There is no criticism of any value,
no real information as to the form
of the different members of the
team. Nor are we told anything
on such interesting points as the
effect of the eight-ball over on our
bowlers, particularly on Gilligan,
who, with the English six-ball
over, tends very soon to lose his
pace and sting. I cannot for the
life of me imagine why no news-
paper has arranged for independ-
ent reports in a more lively
manner. Are there no sporting
journalists in Australia to supply
us with genuine news?And stupidity, in which qualities
it is without parallel or rival.When I arrived on the ground
royalty in the person of the Duke
of York was doing its share of
the daily task, the common
round, by shaking hands with the
carefully aligned and so far
spotlessly clean Sioux and
Apaches, who confronted royal
condescension with republican
fortitude. They were not proud,
these heroes, and I shall never
forget that Mr. McGraw, in whom
I at least discovered the real and
authentic most remarkable man
in America. He shook hands
with me. He even shook hands
with the duke, but though he was
very nice to us, there is no deny-
ing that he played us both right
off the stage.The duke, by the way, failed to
catch the part of the game that
reminded me of our performance
of Handel's greatest oratorio. I
do not know how it is in America,
but in England the audience
always stands up for the
Hallelujah Chorus. In America
during a game of baseball it
stands up for the seventh inning.And we all did stand up except
the royal party, which, not hav-
ing been properly coached in the
ritual, remained seated, a scandal
that evidently made a most pain-
ful impression on the Americans
present.Lest this should result in war,
may I assure the United States
that it was an error of pure
ignorance. The king will be
present at the next match but
one, and I have no doubt that if
the President will write and
explain what is expected of him
he will rise reverently at the
proper moment, and instruct the
lord chancellor to see that the
court does the same.**HONGKONG**HONGKONG HOTEL; REPULSE BAY HOTEL;
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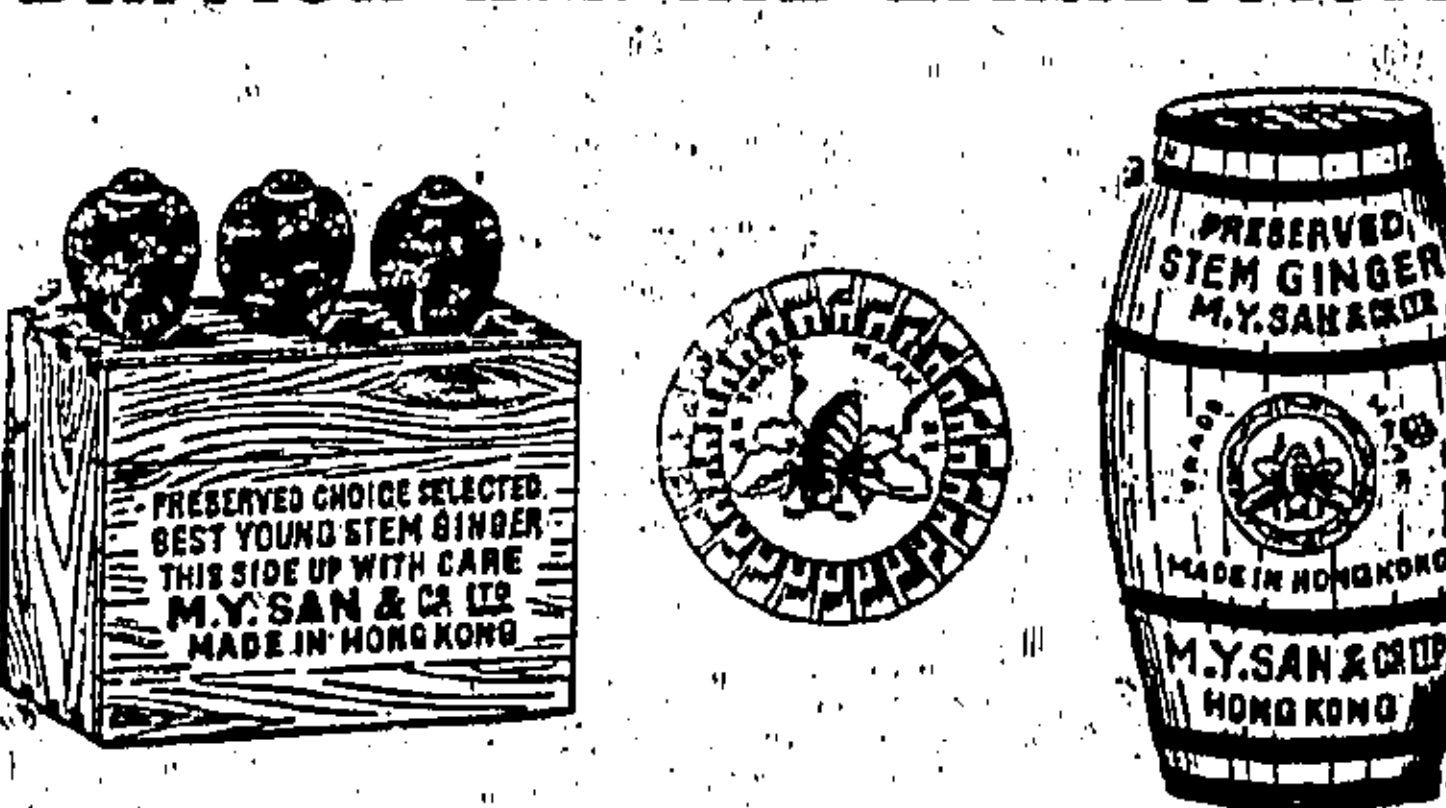
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